

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 6 and 18 have been amended editorially. Claims 6-7, 16 and 18 are pending.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. The rejection is rendered moot, as claims 26-27 have been canceled. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 19-27 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection is rendered moot, as claims 19-27 have been canceled. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 19-27 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. The rejection is rendered moot, as claims 19-27 have been canceled. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 19-27 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. The rejection is rendered moot, as claims 19-27 have been canceled. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Claim Objections

Claims 6-7, 16 and 18 are objected to because R3-R6 do not form rings in formula (I). Claim 6 has been amended to remove the rings in R3-R6 of the formula (I).

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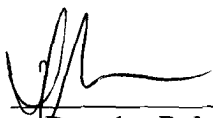
In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 612.455.3804 if there are any remaining issues.



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